Country	Annual per capita total expenditure on Health at Official exchange rate (in US $)
Bhutan	23
India	22
Pakistan	18
Bangladesh	12
Indonesia	12
Nepal	11
Afghanistan	8

Source: The World Health Report, 2001 Mental Health New Understanding, New Hope, Who, Geneva. Annexure: Table 5 Selected National Health Accounts indicators for all member States, estimates for 1998.

Shortage of life-saving drugs in Government hospitals

†3503. SHRI BACHAN1LEKHRAJ : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of life-saving medicines in Government hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government will consider taking necessary steps in this regard; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) 'Health' being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is the responsibility of the respective State Government to provide medical facilities in their hospitals according to the need of the people.

In so far as Central Government hospitals are concerned, no shortage of life saving medicines has been reported.

Shortage of hospital administrators

t3504 . SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the shortage of hospital administrators in view of the increasing population and streamlining the system in hospitals in the country;

†Original notice of (he question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether Government propose to create Department of Hospital Administration in Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact the said proposal was to be submitted for consideration in the Governing Body's meeting scheduled to be held on March 15, 2000; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not submitting the same and by when the same will be submitted?

THEMMSTEROFSTATEINTHEMINISTRYOFHEALTHANDFAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. A proposal for augmenting the existing strength of Hospital Administration Department for starting Master Degree in Hospital Administration (M.H.A.) course at RG.I.M.E.R., Chandigarh was included in the agenda of the meeting of Governing Body held on 15.3.2000 and the agenda item was withdrawn. The RG.I.M.E.R., Chandigarh has been directed to bring old agenda item before the Governing Body.

Promotion of Ayurveda

3505. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are promoting Ayurveda in the country;

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government in this direction;

(c) whether it is a fact that proper care is not taken for preservation of forests where herbal plants are available in plen and

(d) if so, the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) In order to promote Ayurveda Government has established an independent Department of ISM&H in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The Department of ISM&H has already implemented various schemes *e.g.* upgradation of under-graduate/post-graduate institutions, standardization of drugs, encouraging intramural and extra-mural research and dissemination of information and awareness building through information, education and communication (IEC). Delhi have prepared three volumes of Pharmacopoeia of Ayurveda.